

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Replace the Abstract of the Disclosure currently of record with the attached new Abstract of the Disclosure.

A limited space in a sheet cassette is effectively used for accommodating a larger number of paper sheets. A sensor lever is supported on a pivot axis fitted in an elongated hole made in a supporting member. The axis can pivot and in certain positions slide in the elongated hole. With a large number of sheets piled in the cassette, the sensor lever swings to, for example, a horizontal position and the pivot axis retracts up into the elongated hole. With a small number of sheets, the sensor lever is prevented from moving upward in the elongated hole. The sensor lever can also reliably detect the state of no paper remaining thereon.